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OFFICERS

OF THE

MINING BUREAU,

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PRESIDENT—J. H. MILLARD
VICE-PRESIDENT—W. F. SANDERS.
RECORDING SECRETARY—F. C. DEIMLING.
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—N. J. DAVIS.
TREASURER—J. S. ROCKFELLOW.
ATTORNEY—J. G. SPRATT.
ASSAYERS—D. GILBERT AND C. S. RUMLEY.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

SAMUEL WORD, T. C. EVERTS,
BEN. R. DITTES, JOHN P. BRUCE,
JOHN S. LOTT.

PROSPECTUS.

MONTANA is blessed—beyond any of the Territories or States of the Union, and more than any other mining country in North America—with rich and inexhaustible mines of Gold, Silver, Iron and Coal. A multitude of people have acquired interests in these mines, which, it is confidently believed, the Congress of the United States will recognize, and refuse to disturb the title so acquired.

These mines have been discovered by immense labor, and by sacrifices such as few vocations require. Here, better than in any other country, one can learn, by actual observation, how much mankind will suffer to gratify their love of gain; for it is not so much, as some suppose, the naked love of adventnre that thus induces men to count lightly the blessings of civilization, the dangers from savages, and the privations incident to so complete an isolation from the settled portions of the country.

Of the mining interests thus secured, some are of immense value, while others are worse than useless, and between these extremes are all grades of claims, and the precise value of each is determined only by experienced men, by slow and toilsome development, requiring not only enterprise, but also capital; and these claims are nearly all in the market. Before capital will be invested in this species of property at anything near its actual value, the question of value must be approximately determined, and those who control capital require some safe and reliable source whence this information must come.

Nothing can be conceived more unreliable than the representations made concering the value of these claims. The ingenuity of designing men has been seemingly exhausted in efforts to deceive capitalists and defraud them into the purchase of worthless mining property, until Capital, always shy of hazardous investments, has become proverbially so of this species of property.

The other half of this difficulty is, that the miner, with his meritorious property, seeks vainly for a purchaser, not because there is not capital to be invested in the same, but because the truth he tells the capitalist of the value of his claim, has been often pertinaciously told him before of property of no value, with a brazen effrontry unparalleled in other business transactions.

What miner and capitalist alike want, is some source from which to receive the facts in a manner and under circumstances which will inspire confidence in the truth of the statement; and the organization of this Bureau is designed to supply such a want. But even such an organization with such high pretensions, may be but another device to defraud the incautious and unwary. Its members, however, design to make for it a character for integrity in Montana, and in the monied marts of the country, which will secure respect for all its representations, and it become an essential organization in the further introduction of Capital to profitable investments. The Bureau is in a position where it can be an instrument of great good, and in charge of men who will see that it does no harm.

One of the first questions presented to its originators was, whether it should be a somewhat exclusive organization, or a popular one; and, while the latter course would have been more consonant with the feelings of the members, it was thought that to follow it, would increase the peril of the Bureau, and also increase the probabilities of infidelity in its action to the design in its inception, and the former course was adopted.

The faith of every member is pledged to make good the pretensions of the Bureau; and we trust the character of its members is such as to commend it alike to capital and honest industry.

As such, we present it to the miner who has valuable property for sale, and to the capitalist who desires to escape the snares which wily men have laid, or may lay, for his ruin; believing that its action will ultimate in promoting the welfare of both, and in laying securely the foundations of permanent prosperity in Montana. Our Assayers, Inspectors, Engineers and Directors, are practical, experienced, reliable men, and the duties of each will be thoroughly and well performed.

The members are not above errors, but wilful misrepresentation will never be justly charged to the Bureau; for it will be the aim of each member and employee to investigate, in a thorough manner,

all property submitted to its judgment, and to be guided in its reports, not by the hopes, expectations, or representations of sanguine owners, but rather *by that investigation*.

The gentlemen who have been elected Honorary Members of the Bureau, are in no way responsible for its action upon business matters here. This statement, it is considered, is due to these gentlemen. This action of the Bureau was necessarily without their knowledge, but they were selected for their willingness and ability to interest capital in our mines, and it is the purpose of the Bureau to acquaint them fully with its plans, and with the mineral resources of Montana, and to request their aid in the purposes hereinbefore expressed.

DOWDELL & CO.'S MILL, MILL CREEK DISTRICT, M. T.

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JOHN P. BRUCE,
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FRANCIS C. DEIMLING,
DEZELL GILBERT,
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JOHN S. LOTT,
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JAMES G. SPRATT,
SAMUEL WORD.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

NAMES OF MEMBERS.	RESIDENCE.	STATE.
Albert D. Richardson,	New York City,	New York.
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James Tufts,	" "	New York.
H. K. Bull,	" "	New York.
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John J. Roe,	"	Missouri.
I. H. Sturgeon,	"	Missouri.
Geo. R. Taylor,	"	Missouri.
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Hon. W. M. Stewart,	Virginia City,	Nevada.
N. C. Ralston,	San Francisco,	California.
Edward Creighton,	Omaha,	Nebraska.

MILL IN HOT SPRING DISTRICT.

RULES & REGULATIONS

OF THE

MINING BUREAU OF MONTANA.

ARTICLE I.—Name.

Section 1.—This organization shall be known as "The Mining Bureau of Montana."

ARTICLE II.—Officers.

Section 1.—The officers of the Bureau shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Engineer, a Surveyor, an Assayer, Inspectors, an Attorney, and a Board of Directors, consisting of five, who, in addition to the duties hereinafter imposed, shall perform the duties usually incident to their respective offices.

Sec. 2.—These officers shall be elected by ballot, at the Annual Meeting of the Bureau, on the first Monday of January of each year.

ARTICLE III.—Membership.

Section 1.—No person shall become a Resident Member of the Bureau, until his written application therefor shall have been received at a regular meeting of the Bureau, and a clear ballot had thereon at a subsequent regular meeting: *Provided*, That Honorary Membership may be conferred—notice of a motion for that purpose having been given at a regular meeting prior to action thereon.

Sec. 2.—The membership fee shall be one hundred dollars.

Sec. 3.—The monthly dues from Resident Members shall be ten dollars.

Sec. 4.—Any member of this Bureau shall be expelled therefrom, for any breach of good faith in the discharge of his duties to the Bureau, a majority vote at any regular meeting being sufficient therefor: *Provided*, That notice of the motion therefor shall be given at the regular meeting next preceding such vote; but after such notice, the member affected shall have no vote in the Bureau until said motion shall have been lost.

SEC. 5.—The number of Resident Members shall be limited to twenty-five.

SEC. 6.—The members present at any regular meeting of this Bureau, shall constitute a quorum; and a majority of the Resident Members shall constitute a quorum at any called meeting of the Bureau, and a like rule shall prevail at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV.—MEETINGS.

SECTION 1.—The regular meetings of the Bureau shall be held at their rooms, at Virginia City, on the first Monday of each and every month, at seven o'clock P. M., from October to March, inclusive; and at eight o'clock P. M., during the balance of the year.

SEC. 2.—The annual meeting shall be held on the first Monday of January, of each year.

SEC. 3.—Called meetings may be held upon the application of five members; three days' notice thereof having been published by the Secretary in one of the newspapers.

ARTICLE V.—BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION 1.—The President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, and Treasurer, shall be members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI.—DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

SECTION 1.—The President of the Bureau shall be President of the Board of Directors, and shall make to the Board a report at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII.—REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1.—The Board of Directors, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, shall make quarterly reports to the Bureau, at the meetings held in January, April, July and October; and the Secretary and Treasurer shall file their reports ten days previous to such meetings.

ARTICLE VIII.—DUTY OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

SECTION 1.—It shall be the duty of each officer and member of the Bureau, to state any frauds, of which he is cognizant, perpetrated, or sought to be perpetrated, in the sale of mining property.

ARTICLE IX.—DUTY OF THE SECRETARY.

SECTION 1.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to procure information of any and all sales made of property, which is or

has been on the books of the Bureau; the names of the seller and purchaser; the price paid, and the place where the sale was made, and preserve the same with the records of the Bureau.

ARTICLE X.—INSPECTION OF PROPERTY.

SECTION 1.—No property shall be passed upon by the Bureau, until it shall have been personally inspected by a member of the same, selected for that purpose, and specimens of ore selected from the mine by said person; and specimens of ore, selected as aforesaid, placed in the cabinet of the Bureau, and specimens therefrom also assayed.

ARTICLE XI.—REPORTS ON MINES—HOW MADE, ETC.

SECTION 1.—All reports on mines made to the Bureau, by the persons selected for that purpose, shall be in writing, signed by the person so making the same; and shall be preserved, with the papers of the Bureau, in the Secretary's office.

SEC. 2.—Such reports shall embrace a description of the ore, the width and depth of the crevice, the distinctness thereof, the freedom of the ore from foreign matter, the general topography of the country immediately surrounding the mine, the facility with which roads to it may be constructed; its proximity to wood and water, and their abundance; whether mills have crushed any ore therefrom, and if such is the case, how much it yielded per ton; what the ore assays; its proximity to other lodes; whether the ore contains gold or silver, and the proportion of each; the dip of the crevice, and the direction of the same; and shall, with the Attorney, investigate the question of title, and give such other information as he may think proper.

SEC. 3.—Upon the presentation of any report, it shall be the duty of each member of the Bureau to state any facts he may know, with reference to such mines, which are not embraced in the report; and the Secretary shall reduce such statements to writing, and preserve them with the records of the Bureau.

SEC. 4.—The meetings of the Bureau, for the hearing of reports and acting upon the same, shall be held with closed doors, and no person shall be present but members of the Bureau.

ARTICLE XII.—PUBLICATION OF REPORTS.

SECTION 1.—There shall be published, quarterly by the Bureau, a report of its doings, and with it a classification of all property passed upon, with such other information as the Bureau may deem proper.

ARTICLE XIII.—MINING JOURNALS.

SECTION 1.—The Board of Directors may subscribe for such mining journals as it deems proper; and shall have charge of all disbursements of the funds of the Bureau.

ARTICLE XIV.—FEES OF OFFICERS, ETC.

SECTION 1.—The following shall constitute the fees of the Recording Secretary: For every lode, or for one or more claims placed on the records of the Bureau, he shall receive a fee of three dollars; for every certificate of such record, the sum of one dollar, to be paid by the parties recording or obtaining the same.

SEC. 2.—The Assayers, Inspectors, Surveyor and Engineer, (the Surveyor and Engineer to be the same person when practicable,) shall be paid for their services such reasonable sums as may be decided upon by the Board of Directors, to be paid by the parties for whose benefit the services are rendered; except when employed by the Bureau, when they are to be paid from the funds of the same.

SEC. 3.—A fee of ten dollars shall be paid to the Bureau, for each certificate of the character, assay, quality and description of a lode or claim, by any member having such claim recorded on the books of the Bureau; from all others a fee of twenty-five dollars shall be paid for the same.

ARTICLE XV.—CERTIFICATES—HOW ISSUED.

SECTION 1.—No certificate of the quality and assay of any claim or lode shall be given without the authority of the Board of Directors, and such certificate shall be signed by the President and Secretary.

ARTICLE XVI.—DESIGN OF THE BUREAU.

SECTION 1.—It is not the design of the Bureau to affix the price to any mining property, but only to state the grade to which it belongs—in the scale adopted by the Bureau—with a detailed description of all matters in connection therewith, in which a purchaser may be presumed to feel an interest.

ARTICLE XVII.—SUSPENSION OF RULES.

SECTION 1.—Two-thirds of the members present voting therefor, any of these rules may be suspended or amended.

TUNNEL IN SUMMIT DISTRICT.

MONTANA,

Its Area, Population, and Mineral and Agricultural Resources.

AREA—146,690 SQUARE MILES.
POPULATION—30,000.
CAPITAL—VIRGINIA CITY, MADISON COUNTY.

All Vegetables and Cereals grow in the greatest profusion, and bring fair prices in a ready market; while as a grazing country—in the nutritious quality of its grasses, their quantity, and sufficiency at all seasons of the year to fatten stock—it is without an equal in the United States, save Texas, and farming and stock raising offer rare inducements to immigrants. Freights are easily brought to Montana, by the way of the Missouri or Columbia Rivers, or across the plains. Its winters are ordinarily as mild as they are at St. Louis.

TABLE OF DISTANCES.

From Virginia City, Montaña, to—	MILES.
Sioux City, *via* Sawyer Road,	1,000
Fort Reno, (formerly Connor,)	400
Fort Laramie,	587
Walla Walla,	565
Placerville, (Cal.,) *via* Star City,	900
Virginia City, Nevada,	840
Great Salt Lake City,	400
Idaho City, (Idaho Territory,)	450
Fort Benton, (head of navigation on the Missouri,)	240
Atchison, Omaha and Nebraska City, *via* Great Salt Lake City,	1,650
Denver, (Colorado,)	850
Los Angeles, (Lower California,)	1,200

From Virginia City, Montaña, to—	MILES.
Portland, (Oregon,) *via* Boise City,)	1,000
Lewiston, (head of navigation on the Snake river,)	460
Head of navigation on the Colorado,	750
St. Louis,	1,900
New York City,	2,800
San Francisco (Cal.,)	1,175
Helena, (Montaña,)	120
Bozeman, (Montaña,)	60
Bannack City, (Montaña,)	65
Deer Lodge City, (Montaña,)	125
Missoula Falls, (Montaña,)	200
Diamond City, (Montaña,)	130

OUR QUARTZ LODES.

About ten thousand Quartz Lodes have been recorded in Montana, principally in Beaverhead, Madison, Deer Lodge, Edgerton, Jefferson and Gallatin Counties, of which it is estimated five thousand are exclusively gold-bearing lodes, three thousand gold and silver combined, and two thousand silver with base metals

Products of our Quartz Mills.

Cope & Raglan's Mill located in [illegible] Mining District [illegible] cords of quartz, $[illegible]

Dowlett & [illegible] Mill [illegible] District [illegible]

Fire and [illegible] Mill [illegible]

[illegible] Mining [illegible] Mill [illegible]

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